

B. Duties.

1. The role of the Policy Board shall be to guide, evaluate, and support the CCMP implementation process and advancement of the CCMP and its management actions, and to ensure the highest level of collaboration, coordination, and cooperation among state and federal agencies, local governments, the public, and various interest groups.
2. The Policy Board shall consult the Advisory Committees and the Program Office for recommendations pertaining to implementation of CCMP management actions at the regional and local level, and the coordination and development of research and monitoring priorities.
3. The Policy Board shall advise the state, federal, and local agencies responsible for environmental and natural resources management about concerns and issues relevant to implementation of the CCMP.
4. The Policy Board shall make recommendations based on CCMP implementation progress and success, and shall identify and prioritize information needs as described in the CCMP.
5. The Policy Board shall evaluate the relevance of the CCMP and consult the Advisory Committees and the Program Office for recommendations on amending the CCMP to address new or emerging issues that may affect the significant natural resources of the Albemarle-Pamlico estuarine system.
6. The Policy Board shall be an advocate for the implementation of the CCMP and the APNEP mission and the APNEP.
7. The Policy Board, in cooperation with the Program Office, shall develop an annual report, budget, and work plan that addresses priorities for implementing and updating the CCMP.
8. The Policy Board shall be responsible for determining its own rules of order, bylaws, chairmanship, attendance requirements, and other matters of protocol.

C. Meetings.

1. The Policy Board shall meet at least two times each year or more frequently if deemed appropriate by the Chair or upon request by the Program Director.
2. Federal, state, and local agencies with environmental management responsibilities in the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed are invited to participate in meetings of the Policy Board.
3. All meetings shall be open to the public and noticed in accordance with North Carolina's open meeting laws.

Section 4. Advisory Committees.

A. Citizen Advisory Committee

1. Membership.
 - a. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) members must reside, or have interests, within the program boundaries of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program.
 - b. Membership shall include:
 - (1) One representative of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in North Carolina;
 - (2) One representative of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Virginia is invited;